

**REMARKS**

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 76-92, 95-96, 106-108, 110-111, 131, and 146 are pending in this application. Claim 109 is canceled.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 76-92, 95, and 96 are allowed; and claims 107-109 and 146 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 106 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled allowable claim 109. All rejected claims (106, 110, 111, 131) should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants believe all remaining claims (76-92, 95-96, 106-108, 110-111, 131, and 146) are now in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

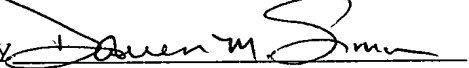
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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